

## **REMARKS**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed 12/14/2007. This response primarily addresses the claim objections with regards to claim 9. Applicants have decided to request reinstatement of appeal under 37 CFR 1.111, wherein such a request for reinstatement will be filed following the current amendment.

## **STATUS OF CLAIMS**

Claims 1-16 are pending.

Claims 1-4, 9 and 14-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hu (U.S. Patent 7,274,671) in view of Bunton (U.S. Patent 5,151,697) and further in view of O'Neil (U.S. Patent 6,889,226).

## **CLAIM OBJECTIONS**

On page 2 of the Office Action of 12/14/2007, the Examiner has objected to claim 9 as missing the computer execution step in the preamble. Applicants have corrected the preamble as per the Examiner's recommendation. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the claim objections with regards to claim 9.

## **REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

The newly introduced 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejections by the Examiner will be addressed in a Supplemental Appeal Brief that will be submitted following the submission of the current amendment.

**SUMMARY**

This response has been filed with a fee for an extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the fees provided to Deposit Account No. 09-0460.

If it is felt that an interview would expedite prosecution of this application, please do not hesitate to contact Applicants' representative at the below number.

Respectfully submitted,

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